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For: LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY

: **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated **December 5, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 31 and 34.

Please replace claims 16 and 22 with the following amended claims:

16. (As Amended) A lithium polymer secondary battery comprising:

a positive electrode;

a negative electrode which is negative during discharging of the battery, the negative electrode comprising an active substance; and

a gel polymer electrolyte comprising polymer and an organic electrolyte solution dissolving a lithium salt;

wherein:

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